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WORLD'S—1903—FAIR.

"AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'."

St. Louis has an illustration of how the Combine in the House of Delegates threatens to delay public business.

No meeting of either branch of the Municipal Assembly will be held today.

Though there are numerous bills in the House of Delegates which should be acted upon, the Combine decided to show its petty malice and disinclination to do public business by adjourning until Friday. This was done, it is said, because the Council had adjourned until that date for lack of measures demanding attention.

Councilmen have grown tired of assembling, having the roll called, and adjourning. However, it will have to continue this course until the Combine chooses to work on bills. How far will the Combine carry its defiant programme of defeating public business?

REGISTER TO-DAY.

This is the last day of registration, except on appeals, for the Charter amendments election, October 22.

When the polling places close this evening in the precincts citizens will have no further opportunity to place their names on the books in time for the special election.

It is needless to emphasize the importance of the coming election. A great and necessary impetus to the New St. Louis is presented by the proposed Charter amendments.

It is especially necessary that residents who have moved since the last election shall have the change noted on the poll books. The polls will be open today at the precincts. Attend to the matter before coming downtown. There is no to-morrow.

OLD HABITS.

Reprinting a statement from Auditor Allen, published in The Republic of the 26th, the Globe says:

We have good authority for saying that this alleged dispatch was not sent from Jefferson City on the date indicated or at any other time, and that the Auditor Allen did not make the statement therein attributed to him, nor know anything about the matter until it was read in the paper. Another little job of journalism. And with that promised exhibit of State Statutes does not intend to publish it.

No, it is another outbreak of redneck falsehood from the yellow Ananias of Missouri newspaperdom.

The statement came direct from Jefferson City, was fully authorized by Captain Allen, and was the next day pronounced by him correct in every word.

Captain Allen's reiteration of that fact appears in another column to-day.

Probably the Globe had no information at all on the subject. If it had any it proceeded on some irresponsible hearsay. In either case the Globe followed its usual habit of falsification.

FOR BETTER SEWERS.

St. Louis has the nucleus of one of the best sewerage systems in the world. With the Mississippi ready to carry off all the waste, with the Mill Creek Valley running through the center of the city and into the river, and with the numerous depressions in the topography, the drainage of St. Louis carries no difficult engineering problems.

It has not been until the last few years that the present sewers have been found inadequate. Through the stringency in the city's finances many of the new neighborhoods are without adequate sewer facilities. The building of public sewers has practically ceased. Of necessity, the construction of private and district sewers has not progressed under these conditions. This is aside from the lack of repairs on sewers now in operation.

By the proposed Charter amendments, four kinds of sewers are provided for: public, district, joint-district, and private. The Board of Public Improvements will have full power to determine to which class any sewer may belong, subject, of course, to the definitions made in the Charter.

Public sewers are built wholly out of the general revenue. In determining what new sewers shall be designated as public, the Board of Public Improvements may use its good sense in separating them from district or joint-district sewers. Wherever possible, sewers must be placed in the streets, alleys or parallel with property lines. The city must pay all the cost of building.

District sewers are those constructed within the limits of an established sewer district, and paid for by special taxes assessed upon the property in the district. Joint-district sewers are those constructed by uniting one or more districts or unorganized territory and are paid for by special taxes assessed against all of the territory benefited.

When taxes are assessed for the construction of district or joint-district sewers, they shall be apportioned according to the area of the lots drained by the sewers. For the purposes of reconstruction new sewer districts may be created which shall be assessed for the work. Repairs on these two classes of sewers are to be paid for out of the general revenue. Private sewers are those built on private property at the expense of the property owners.

The adoption of the Charter amend-

ments will not result in an immediate construction of sewers except through the exercise of the utmost economy by the municipal government. Relief will come in the near future by the acceptance of a constitutional amendment allowing St. Louis to levy 35 cents on the \$100 as a county tax. However, there are a number of district sewers that may have to be reconstructed. This may be done if the proposed changes are adopted on October 22.

TRUE TO ITSELF.

It was thoroughly characteristic of the Republican outfit in Missouri that State Chairman Atkins of their party organization should have hurried hot-foot to Washington for the purpose of but-

tolling the new President to ascertain who would control the Federal patronage in Missouri.

It is also eminently characteristic that the "outfit" should now be wild to learn the identity of this dispenser of patronage under the Roosevelt administration. A great deal depends upon the answer to this question of identity. There is a feud between the Republican leaders in this State. National Committeeman Kerens and State Chairman Atkins are the opposing feudists. If Kerens is to dispense the Federal patronage, the "outfit" will promptly rally in force under the Kerens standard. If Atkins is the dispenser, they will be Atkins men.

And State Chairman Atkins, knowing this certainty of Missouri Republican support going to the man who handles the pie, has lost no time in getting to Washington and presenting his claims for the pie-handling. He will be almost instantly followed, it is said, by National Committeeman Kerens, who will try his best to overcome whatever favorable impression may have been made by Atkins. Between them, Colonel Kerens and Colonel Atkins will probably make President Roosevelt's very small weary with their importunities. But needs must when the devil drives. And the devil certainly drives the Missouri Republican "outfit" in its unvarying rush to the pie-counter, regardless of morals, conscience or anything beyond the spoils of the moment.

President Roosevelt is plucky in a way to open a great deal concerning the Missouri Republican "outfit." It will not be long, as things now look, until he agrees with former Postmaster General Gary, that it's "the outfit he ever saw." For the gang is out to its old tricks. It sees a chance for a new distribution of spoils. It is making a mob-rush to be first come first served at the distribution.

GOOD NEWS INDEED.

It would be strange indeed if President Francis and First Vice President Spencer of the World's Fair Company failed to feel a tremendous encouragement from the developments of their recent visit to Washington on World's Fair business.

From the President of the United States they received the most earnest assurance of a hearty interest in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition which guarantees the active helpfulness of the nation's Chief Executive. President Roosevelt will commend the World's Fair in his message to Congress next December. He will furnish strong credentials to its foreign representatives. He will favor a liberal appropriation for the national exhibit.

From Cabinet officials Messrs. Francis and Spencer received similar proof of genuine friendliness toward the World's Fair. They found the utmost willingness of spirit to aid the great enterprise in every way possible. "In fact," says Governor Francis, "all the officials whom we visited appeared to be as much interested in the World's Fair as if they were sons of St. Louis. There is every reason to believe that Washington is solidly in favor of the Exposition. Every department of the Government can be relied upon to furnish us all assistance in its power."

This marked friendliness of the National Government means a great deal for the success of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Its influence will potentiate the action of Congress. It will extend to the various States and Territories, stimulating all sections of the Union to the fullest co-operation in the line of adequate exhibits. It will especially impress the nations of the Old World with a full sense of the dignity and international moment of the World's Fair of 1903. Messrs. Francis and Spencer bring the best of news from Washington. Their gratification at its tenor will be shared by all friends of the World's Fair.

BACK TRACKS.

When it comes to falling over itself in order to get into the graces of the Republican administration and its friends, the Globe-Democrat certainly leads all competitors.

A pertinent example appeared in yesterday's Globe. Referring to the fact that a Roosevelt club had been formed in St. Louis and calling attention to the prominence that Kansas City Republicans had gained by being the first to organize such a club, it said: "The surprising thing is that there is only one club of the sort in this city. . . . St. Louis ought to have striven for this honor by getting in the field eight or ten months ago."

That from the Globe-Democrat. And to St. Louis Republicans, the idea that Republicans in this city had enough assertiveness eight or ten months ago to declare themselves for Roosevelt is amusing.

Nor did the Globe-Democrat. Eight or ten months ago the formation of a Roosevelt club in St. Louis would have received scant courtesy from that paper. It has been only within the past two or three months that the Globe was forced into a recognition of Roosevelt's popularity among Western Republicans. Before that time the domination of the Ohio element forbade favorable mention of the man who now controls the Federal patronage in Missouri.

Roosevelt before and Roosevelt after becoming President are two entirely different persons in the eyes of the Globe and St. Louis Republicans. He now has the distribution of offices. The Globe is vastly interested in this feature of the President's popularity. So are the other hungry politicians of St. Louis.

It is true that there will be many Roosevelt clubs in Missouri and in this city. Anything to get patronage. It is hardly probable that President Roosevelt will be fooled by this servile adu-

tion which comes so late. There are many accidents in politics. The Globe-Democrat and its constituency are being impressed with this fact while trying to climb into the band wagon.

NOW FOR PUNISHMENT.

In the unhappy fate overtaking a company of United States regular infantry in the Philippine Islands of Samar, the company being surprised by an overwhelming force of natives and more than one-half its number slain, there is a lesson not to be safely disregarded by our troops in the Far East.

Unless the truth of likely treachery on the part of the wild tribes in the Philippines is continually kept in mind by officers and men in the extreme front, this Samar tragedy is certain to be repeated at intervals as opportunity arises. It is the savage method of warfare, this gathering for massacre at unexpected moments. We have had a similar experience with the Indians in our own country. For many years to come, no American force, small in numbers and remote from larger garrisons, will be safe in the Philippines unless safeguarded by untiring and extreme vigilance.

In the meantime the tribe responsible for the disaster overtaking Company C of the splendid Ninth Infantry, U. S. A., should be smashed good and hard and made to realize that they have not gained any profit for themselves in resisting American occupation. They are savages, and the one and only thing which compels respect from savages is the inexorable employment of stern measures in maintaining order. The larger force to be sent to Samar should give the slayers of Company C a lesson something to remember for years in the way of American retribution for the massacre of American soldiers.

FROM SOUTHERN WOMEN.

There is something peculiarly touching in the tenderly sympathetic letter addressed to Mrs. McKinley by the Daughters of the Confederacy of the State of Texas, conveying their condolences to the widow of the dead President.

It is also natural, as the letter itself reveals, that Southern women should be prompt to testify to the special regard in which President McKinley was held by the people of the South. The late President was a good friend to that section of the Union. He did much to legitimately endear him to Southerners. They have not failed in proper appreciation.

The letter of the Texas Daughters of the Confederacy is proof of this truth. Its utterances are marked by an earnest simplicity which carries conviction of their sincere nature. There is no part of this great country the people of which do not feel for Mrs. McKinley in her deep sorrow. The nation's pity goes out to her.

Jim Cronin and The Republic were bosom friends before the election. Their squabbles now do not interest the public beyond an equal share of condemnation for both—Globe-Democrat.

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OPENING BALL OF COLUMBIAN CLUB SET FOR NOVEMBER 2.

Cards Announcing the Baier-Willard Wedding Issued—Gen. Powell Clayton's Daughter Visiting Friends Here—Miss Leathe Liggett's Musical—Concert at Lindenwood College, in St. Charles.



MISS NELLIE McDERMOTT-GRAGG.
 Soprano, who will sing at the Exposition to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Willard have sent out cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Augusta Modern, to Mr. Albert Baier, on Saturday, September 28. At home on Friday after November 11, at No. 604 West Champane place, which is the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. E. Ewing.

The first meeting of the Afterthought Club will be on Monday, October 7, at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Clark, No. 323 Vernon avenue.

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